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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designating a segment of the Rio Grande in New Mexico as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rio Grande Designa-
5 tion Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SCENIC RIVER.**

2 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “() RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The main stem
6 from the southern boundary of the segment of the Rio
7 Grande designated pursuant to paragraph (4), down-
8 stream approximately 12 miles to the west section line of
9 Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 10 East, to be ad-
10 ministered by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic
11 river.”.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF STUDY RIVER.**

13 (A) STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic
14 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at
15 the end the following new paragraph:

16 “() RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The segment
17 from the west section line of Section 15, Township 23
18 North, Range 10 East, downstream approximately 8 miles
19 to the southern line of the northwest quarter of Section
20 34, Township 23 North, Range 9 East.”.

21 (b) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 5(b) of such
22 Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end
23 the following new paragraph:

24 “() The study of the Rio Grande in New Mexico
25 shall be completed and the report submitted not later than
26 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

1 **SEC. 4. RIO GRANDE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
4 Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
5 establish the Rio Grande Citizens Oversight Review Board
6 (referred to in this Act as the “Board”) to advise the Sec-
7 retary on matters pertaining to—

8 (1) the development and implementation of a
9 management plan for the segment of the Rio Grande
10 designated as a component of the National Wild and
11 Scenic Rivers System pursuant to the amendment
12 made by section 2; and

13 (2) the preparation of the study pursuant to the
14 amendments made by section 3.

15 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall consist of 11
16 members, appointed by the Secretary, of whom—

17 (1) 10 members shall be property owners along
18 the segments of the Rio Grande designated and
19 studied pursuant to the amendments made by this
20 Act; and

21 (2) 1 member shall be a representative of the
22 village of Pilar.

1 **SEC. 5. WITHDRAWAL OF ORILLA VERDE RECREATION**
2 **AREA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
4 the lands described in subsection (b) are withdrawn
5 from—

6 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
7 under the public land laws;

8 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
9 laws; and

10 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
11 eral and geothermal leasing.

12 (b) LANDS.—

13 (1) DESCRIPTION.—The lands referred to in
14 subsection (a) comprise an area known as the
15 “Orilla Verde Recreation Area”, totaling approxi-
16 mately 1,349 acres, which were conveyed by the
17 State of New Mexico to the United States on July
18 23, 1980, April 20, 1990, and July 17, 1990, as
19 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
20 Recreation Addition to Rio Grande Wild and Scenic
21 River” and dated September 1992.

22 (2) PUBLIC ACCESS.—The map referred to in
23 paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for pub-
24 lic inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bu-
25 reau of Land Management.

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